Davis worked for this man, and when be started home he was given a drink

with the person that gave him the liquor

TWO SINGULAR CHARACTERS.

Years Old.

GATE CITY, VA., February 27 .- (Spe

heir sewing, and made their shoes. David

shaved, and his face is as smooth as a woman's. He attended court here the past two weeks, and was joked much

bout his height, on which question he is

FIRES AT MARION.

The People Excited-Precautions

Taken by the Council.

MARION, VA., February 27 .- (Special.)-

was extinguished by the Fire Department in time to save most of the build-

HAMPTON AND VICINITY.

A Store Burned-Personal-Bridge

Question Still Unsettled. HAMPTON, VA., February 27 .- (Spe-

amp at Poquoson last night the store of

contents, was destroyed. A Mr. St. Clair,

who had his phonograph in the store,

The farmers are getting in readiness to

plant potatoes.
Mr. P. J. Frost, who has been living

here for some years, left for the North to-day to make his home there. Tramps are plentiful in this section. The matter of the bridge across Back

river is still unsettled. The commis-sioners on the part of this county went

to Buzzards' Roset a few days ago to meet those from York county, but the

KNIFE AND PISTOL.

A Lively Cutting and Shooting

Scrape in Gordonsville.

GORDONSVILLE, VA., February 27,-

liwatne's store Wesley Fry and Ked.

Brooks, negroes, got into an altercation

Funeral of Mr. B. H. Owen.

GREEN BAY, VA., February 27 .- (Spe

cent at Savage, Va. His burial took

His sudden death was a shock to his

An Enjoyable Concert.

of Mr. Chris. Evensen. All of the par-ticipants were strangers to our people, except the Misses Florsheim, who have

isited our town several times before

Our people gave them a most hearty re-ception, which seemed to be greatly ap-preciated. The concert was the finest of its kind ever given in our town.

Sifted from the Blood

by the kidneys, impurities pass off harm-lessly. The inactivity of the organs named not only cause these impurities to remain and polson the system, but also leads to the degeneration and destruction

leads to the degeneration and destruction of the organs themselves. Prevent Bright's disease, diabetes, dropsy, gravel, and other ailments which affect the kidneys and bladder with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which likewise overcomes malarial, dyspeptic, bilious, nervous, and

amily and friends.

latter falled to appear.

lost his entire outfit.

Mrs. McMenamin is said to be better.

The town is in a

y serious damage.

THE INQUIRY IS OVER Testimony in the Staunton Investigation Closed Last Night.

ARGUMENT OF MR. BRAXTON.

He Receives the Evidence and Points Out Wherein It Is Contradictory and Unworthy of Belief-The Last Witnesses.

The investigation into the charges preferred against the Deaf, Dumb Blind institution at Staunton by John L. Randolph, the Norfolk mute, is at an end, and all that now remains is for the committee charged with the duty of investigating to submit their report, which they will probably do to-morrow morning. The final session of the committee for taking evidence was held last night at 8 o'clock, in the Senate chamber, and lasted three hours or more.

Colonel Warren Seymor Surby, of Harrisonburg, was the first witness called.

"I am a lawyer by profession," he said,
"and settled in Harrisonburg in 1855. For
ten years I was United States District
ten years I was United States District
ten years in that district, and in 1889 I

"The himself acted on that evidence in 1854, and noted that there was nothing in the charges, and voted for the re-Atorney in that district, and in 1889 I questioned as to truth and honesty, I believe him to be a temperate man, and aiways regarded him as a man of good judgment and good moral character, and I know of no one who stands higher in the community, and I don't believe him to be cruel towards children. I have visited him whenever I stopped over in Staunton, and never received any intimation as to charges of immorality."

my charges of immoranty.

Mr. Braxton here presented affidavits
from Mr. Yates, which have been pub-lished, and asked that they be tiled as part of the evidence. Inasmuch as the papers were not properly signed and ad-dressed to the committee, that body decided to take the matter under advise-

AN EMPHATIC DENIAL. The chairman then presented the fol-lowing letter in regard to two questions which had been sent to Mrs. Bruce at Norfolk, for a reply, at the request of Mr.

Norfolk, Va., February 26, 1896. Hon, James N. Stubbs, Richmond, Va.: My Dear Sir.—Last night your letter, with interrogatories to Mrs. Charles My Dear Sir.—Last to Mrs. Charles with interrogatories to Mrs. Charles Bruce, of 37 Arington Place, this city, was received. I called on her to-day and explained to her in writing the statements of Mr. John L. Randolph, all of ments of Mr. John L. Randolph, all of She states that she has never had any conversation with Mr. Randolph on the subject mentioned by him, and that she had made no charge at any time ag-Mr. Yates, nor did she know of anything

The above, I believe, more than covers the questions you submitted, but I had to go over more ground than I cared to in making her understand.

With kindest regards, I am,

With kindest remy,
Yours truy,
RO W. SHULTICE.
Chairman Stubbs also received the folmodersement of the summons.
Chairman Stubbs also received the folewing endorsement of the summons which he had sent to the City Sergeant if Staunton to serve on Messrs, Hi Ker and J. H. Rebman, of that city:

"Executed February 28, 1885, by deliver-ing a true office copy of the within sum-mons in person to Mr. Heber Ker. J. H. Rebman not found. He does not live in Staunton. "LOGAN TURNER.

Senator Stubbs also stated that he had Senator Studes also stated that he had received that day a letter from Professor Euritt, which set forth at its close that the writer considered his statement to have been made as if under oath. The letter was first shown by the chairman to the other members of the committee, and then to Mr. Braxton, counsel for Captain Doyle, who objected to having the etter go in evidence. Thereupon the committee decided not to admit the letter in question

FOR THE DEFENCE. Captain Doyle, who was again re-called, said: I have never stayed in my room, as has been charged, except en account of sickness; but since October,

The Shriners of Acca Temple held one In March, 1893, I was in bed for three weeks at a time, and the next June I went to Hot Springs; but since then I have greatly improved. Besides that, I have not been sick to any length of time. Either Dr. Atkinor Dr. Hinkel attended me during

When the reunion was held here last when the reunion was held here last summer, which I attended, we had a very hot spell, and I refrained from drinking whiskey in this city, but the water being very muddy, I went with some friends at one time to a saloon to

some friends at one time to a salion to drink one or two glasses of beer.

Questioned by Mr. Harrison, Captain Doyle said that Dr. Atkinson was still the physician of the institution, and rereceived £300 a year for his services. Although quite old, he was still a remarkably successful physician. He had Dr. Henkel as family physician. Henkel as family physician because his wife preferred him. Dr. Atkinson is very is employed by the Board of Visit-

The committee then asked Mr. Brax-on to submit his views to the commit-ce. He started out by saying that he tee. He started out by saying that he had not been spoken to about the matter until a few days ago. He would, however, endeavor to present his views. A good many witnesses had been introbut at first only two charges were made against Captain Doyle-of drunk-enness and neglect of duty. During the proceedings a number of additional charges had been introduced, which ought be put late four classes of im-railty, cruelty, intemperance, and dect of duty. No doubt the public uid not have taken so much interest the matter had it not been for the morality, immorality. that been based on seventeen specifica-tions, each one of which had been dis-proved. He thought Mr. Randolph had come to the front with his charges to become as famous as the Pilot had been at the time when it published cer-tain charges. Mr. Braxton spoke of the limited capabilities of the deaf-mutes, who were very apt to misunderstand mat-ters that were perfectly clear to other He then went in detail th the seventeen different charges of evi-dence, pointing out their absurdities.

A QUESTION OF VERACITY. He took the ground that if Miss Riggs was to be believed. Mr. Humbert went to was to be believed. Mr. Humbert went to Accomme and perjured himself as to the drift of the conversation which he had with her at her father's home. If this was true, why was not her father brought he, to testify to that effect? She told various stories, and was contradicted by her own letters, as well as by the testi-mony of Mr. Humbert. He thought it was impossible to believe in the lang was impossione to believe in the language of the defendants, which, he said, were only vague signs. If there was any truth in the charge against Yates, certainly Mr. Doyle could not be blamed for it, because he instructed Mr. Humher to find out the truth in the mat-ter, and saying if Mr. Yates was guilty he should not remain in the institution for another hour. Counsel alluded to the unreliability of the testimony of the deaf mutes, and referred especially to one wit-ness (Mr. Rosenbloom), who said Captain Doyle's son was a deaf mute, which was The only witness who knew anything of such charges was old Mr. Lara, who sat quietly at his home, and did not communicate with any one on the

As to the charge of cruelty, it had been admitted by the worst enemies of Mr. Doyle that his weakness was to pet the children too much. One boy had said fint Captain Doyle beat another with a most pi barrel-stave. "He is too much of a bumanitarian for this," said Mr. Braxton, sailant.

"and the same can be said about Mr.

"and the same can be said about Mr. Bear."

"The next charge," continued the attorney, "is that of intemperance. It is said that Mr. Doyle is a drunken man. There are different views on that subject. Some claim that he should be a tetotaller; perhaps that might be best. In twenty-seven years three solitary instances have been mentioned when Mr. Doyle drank more liquor than he ought to have taken. I don't think there is another man living who has a cleaner record on that score. Dr. Winston saw him under the influence in Richmond in 1832 and 1894, and since then Mr. Eurit said he had seen him under the influence of iquor. Some sixty to seventy-five witnesses went on the stand and testified as to his sobriety. No one ever saw Captain sobriety. No one ever saw Captain looyie arunk in Staunton. There was no man living who drank liquor at all who would not have fallen oftener.

DR. WINSTON'S TESTIMONY. "As to the neglect of duty which is charged, the evidence is almost exclusively based on the testimony of Dr. Winston, who, seemingly, has taken a remarkable position in the matter. He gave the same testimony as he did in 1894, when every other witness who came up said that they did not say what Dr. Winston claimed they did, and that ac must have been mistaken. Every charge which is shown in his evidence has been resolutely denied at the investigation of 1894, and I cannot understand why he reite-

Atorney in that district, and in 1889 I
was candidate on the Republican ticket
for Attorney-General. I know Captain
Doyle well, and never heard his reputation
muestioned as to truth and honesty. I belist after he had charged that there were Suppointed to make an examination of the pupils as to the employment of an oculist after he had charged that there were too many good eyes in the school, and when he maie the examination he found to fill the vacancy caused by the resignatook his child from the institution which he thought was not fit for children to be at, and yet he made not a single move to remedy the evil. If that was true, no one was more to blame for not stopping Baptist church in Hampton, presided at the evil than Dr. Winston. On the other hand, even Miss Trout and Miss Harman had said that the institution had been by Rev. E. T. Weilford, of the Presbygreatly improved during the past two terian church.

THAT ADVERSE REPORT.

report made by the visiting committee, who had just been there and found the institution in a condition which should not be taken as a sample, since Mr. Doyle had been kept away from the school for nearly a month to had some the finances of the constraint. Club report News Democratic Club held its regular weekly meeting last night in its club-rooms, and twenty-two new members were enrolled. The club now has a membership of nearly two hundred. The report of the treasurer showed that school for nearly a month to look after his interests while this investigation was going on. He dwelt at some length on the testimony of Miss Trout and Miss Horman, who had admitted that they were personal enemies of Captain Doyle. with the facilities at his disposal Captain Dovle had achieved as good results as could be obtained. It was certainly remarkable that none of these charges had been brought by any of the parents, but only by some former pupils.

Mr. Braxton spoke for fully two hours, and made an able presentation of his

case, dissecting very carefully the various charges, and calling attention to the points in the depositions which he considered to be essential.

MR. HATHAWAY'S STATEMENT.

When Mr. Braxton concluded Mr. Hathaway made a statement that reference had been made by counsel as to the sub-committee that visited the school and made the report. He had nothing to do with the appointment of the sub-commit-tee, and said he had nothing to do with the report, and had never thought the sub-committee had any business to make

Mr. George C. Bland, who happened to Mr. George C. Bland, who happened to be present, stated that he was one of the sub-committee, and that the report had been made of the conditions just as they had been found. The committee made no recommendation, because the investigation for at least five years. All of the wild be that the lack of funds was the cause in the construction of the two new battle-

improvements were very much needed, and at 11:15 P. M. Chairman Stubbs an-nounced the investigation at an end,

be, but the general impression is that there will be a general cleaning out of the

of its most interesting meetings last night at Masonic Temple. Five sons were safely conducted across the burning sands. One of them is a prominent member of the State Senate, prominent member of the State Senare.
There were several out-of-town Arabs in
attendance, Mr. J. B. Weils, of Boydton,
a very enthusiastic Shriner, was one of
these. At the conclusion of the meeting banquet was served by

Mr. Thomas Carroll is quite sick at his residence, 119 north Seventeenth street. Mrs. H. C. Sutherland and daughter, Mina, of Baltimore, are visiting at Mrs. W. H. Burkert's, in Fairmount,

The work of laying the tracks of the Richmond Railway Company along First street from Clay to Broad has been com-

Mr. Goryas Storrs, Jr., cashier for Kingan & Co., is visiting, in Philadelphia, his brother, Mr. William R. Storrs, formerly of Richmond.

The statement that W. F. Mallory & Son had brought suit against Jacob Ebel for \$400 damages was incorrect. The ac-tion was not against Mr. Ebel at all.

Mrs. Anne R. Frayser and son, Master B. H. Frayser, who have been spending several weeks in the city, have returned home, near Powhatan

J. R. Thomas and Marie Johnson (colored), who were made seriously iii Wed-nesday night from the effects of taking audanum, both left the almshous terday morning, and returned to their respective homes. One of the mule cars on Broad street

was slowly approaching the corner of Broad and Fourth streets about 1 o'clock yesterday, when it suddenly collapsed, no one knows how or why. The mules were scared, but no one was hurt. The Epworth League of Union-Station church will hold their regular monthly meeting to-night at 8 o'clock. After the

reports from the various s from the various departments present will be entertained with a delightful programme and light refresh-The report of the recent robbery at the residence of Hon. J. L. M. Curry, in Washington, estimated the loss at about

\$5.00. From recent investigation it seems that about \$5,600 worth of solid-silver, besides a large number of curios, collected caled, were removed at the same time.

Richmonders in New York NEW YORK, February 27-(Special.)-W. R. Trigg, Fifth Avenue; E. Shepher-

Assault on a Young Lady.

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ATLANTA, GA., February 27.—A special from Lafayette, Ga., to the Constitution says that an assault was made on Miss Mattle Jones, who lives near Rock Spring, by an unknown man this morning. Miss Jones at the time of the assault was down at the wash-place, so far from the house that her screams were not heard. The wretch threatened violence at the point of his knife to the profortunate young lady if she told of

he crime. Miss Jones is 22 years old, and stands well in the community in which she lives. She is the daughter of Mr. Reece Jones, one of the county's best and most prominent citizens. Scores of

THE PENINSULA. ON

A VIGOROUS DEMOCRATIC CLUB AT NEWPORT NEWS.

The Proposed Knights of the Golden Engle Castle-Enlargement of an Iron and Brass Plant-In the Dry-

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 27 .-(Special.)-The presentation of the threeact comedy-drama, "Turn of the Tide," at the Opera-House to-morrow night for the benefit of Mrs. Harwood's Female Seminary promises to be the leading event of the season in local amateur theatricals. The comedy is one of those sterling productions which never fail to entertain as well as amuse, and the cast which will appear on this occasion is composed of the cream of local talent. The advance sale of seats is unusually large, and a successful evening, financially and artistically, is anticipated. The characters will be assumed as follows: "Jones Aldrich," Mr. H. B Gregory; "Captain Hugh St. Martin," Mr. B. S. Robinson; "Colonel Elksworth," Mr. J. A. Massle; "Herman Clyde," Dr. J. R. Bagby; "Pepper," Mr. W. H. Sally; "Aunt Rebecca," Miss A. Montgomery; "Susie Aldrich," Miss Wil-

tion of Rev. M. L. Wood, was formally welcomed to that church to-night at a service which was attended by represen-tations from nearly every church in the

VIGOROUS POLITICAL CLUBS.

The Newport News Democratic Club The report of the treasurer showed that the finances of the organization are in excellent condition. A committee was appointed to report at the next meeting as the number and personnel of an execu-

tive committee, The meering looking to the organization of the prospective castle of the Order of the Knights of the Golden Eagle was held last night at Phillip's Hall, and the following officers were elected to serve at the preliminary meetings: G. L. Sleight, chairman; C. C. Miller, secre-Sleight, chairman; C. C. Miller, secretary, and William H. Johnson, treasurer Permanent officers will be elected as soon as the charter for the new castle is received from Richmond. The attendance last night was very good, and a great new movement.
The Caskey Brothers, of Philadelphia,

Iron and Brass Foundry, are contracting for a number of extensive changes and improvements in the plant, which, when completed, will greatly increase its facilities, and place it in the front rank of southern industrial enterprises. The contract for furnishing all of the iron and brass castings for the enip-yard has been awarded to the proprietors of this foundry, which will hereafter be known as the Caskey iron and Brass Foundry, and already a for the existing conditions.

Captain Doyle briefly explained that the tuned out by this plant. Plans are now being prepared for twentmprovements were very much needed, ty-two new brass furnaces, which will Improvements were very much needed, and at 11:15 P. M. Chairman Stubbs announced the investigation at an end.

The committee met shortly after midshight at the Exchange Hotel, behind closed doors, to consider the evidence and agree on an outline of the report to be submitted to the Legislature. It was impossible to ascertain what the report will be a general limpression is that there will be a general cleaning out of the forthe brass furfances, which will make this particular department the largest and best equipped in the entire countricity of the brass for heading and the constitution of 50-horse power and a fee-horse-power boiler have been contracted for. Four their says furfances, which will make this particular department the largest and best equipped in the entire countricity of the brass for heading and the lost equipped in the entire countricity of the brass for access, which will make this particular department the largest and best equipped in the entire countricity of the brass for access, which will make this particular department the largest and best equipped in the entire countricity of the report to be used for hoisting pig-iron to the cupallo platforms. Another large engine of 50-horse power and a feet of the report will be a considered to the constitution of the report will be a considered to the constant of the report will be a considered to the constant of the report will be a constant of the constant of the report will be a constant of the re though the committee will stack, 60 feet in height will be con-

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock a colored laborer named Robert Knight, employed on Hull 16, at the ship-yard was struck on the head by an iron angle bar, which fell from a platform quite a distance above him. The man was felled to the ground in an unconscious state, but soon recovered under the medical attention of Dr. S. W. Hobson, and was assisted to his home.

Frank Coleman, also colored, while at work on Chesapeake and Ohio Pier 4, vesteriary, was struck by a consider.

yesterday, was struck by a revolving crank on the face, and had his right eye so badly injured that he may be de-prived of its use. His nose was broken and his face otherwise fearfully lacerated.

and his face otherwise fearfully lacerated.

A heavy piece of scantling struck Samuel Lipscomb on the head at the ship-yard yesterday afternoon, and inflicted a deep scalp wound. The wounded man was rendered unconscious for a short while, and will be unable to resuments duties for several days.

Coleman Mack had his left hand se-

verely mashed, and his left ring-finger broken while handling lumber on one of the Chesapeake and Ohio piers yesterday evening.

IN THE DRY-DOCK

The steamship Southery, which was in-jured in collision with the schooner Yale off the Capes last week, went into the dry-dock yesterday for repairs. It will be remembered that one of the Chesa-peake and Ohio tugs went out to bring in the Yale but returned without peake and Ohio tugs went out to bring in the Yale, but returned without having seen anything of the damaged schooner. It is understood that she has arrived at Baltimore, and is being repaired there. Richard Walsh and Charles Williamson, of this city, have been granted a patent for a novel and ingenious lamp-shade. While the plants used at the Braxton-Saunders wedding were being removed from the Presbyterian church yesterday evening the horses attached to one of the horses attached to one evening the horses attached to one of the Virginia Transportation Company's wagons took fright and ran furiously down West avenue and Twenty-eighth street, the handsome plants and palms dropping out one by one and suffering considerable injury. The rapidly-noving wagon collided with a carriage belonging to Mr. C. E. Robrig and demolished one wide of it.

City-Clerk D. G. Smith returned yesterday from Richmond, where he went on business in connection with the county electoral board bill pending in the

Senate.

Mr. L. J. Woolfolk left last night for an extended visit to Richmond, Wash-ington, and Baltimore.

Mrs. W. F. Tallant has returned to her home in Christiansburg, after a pleasant sojourn with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Lati-

er. Miss Leola Frazier, of Portsmouth, is the guest of the Misses Masters.
Miss Susie Jones, of Hampton, has as
her guest Miss Mariah Selden, of Rich-

The steamer Hampton Roads will shortly replace the Luray on the route be-tween Norfolk, Hampton, and Old Point, making three trips daily.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

A Young Man Dies Under Suspicious Circumstances-An Arrest.

MARTINSVILLE, VA., February 27 .-(Special.)-William Davis, a youth about 20 years of age, died suddenly at Henry City, this county, on Monday. The circumstances surrounding his death were cumstances surrounding his death were rather suspicious. Persons interested, have kept the body, and made every effort to have an autopsy. It is learned here to-day that they finally had summoned a coroner's jury, and had three physicians in attendance. The air is full of rumors, and the people are greatly excited. It is said that Davis insured his life in the New York Life-Insurance THEIR NEW RECTOR.

Davis worked for this man, and when he started home he was given a drink of liquor. In a short while he became very sick, and approached his own home rapidly, calling for his mother to bring him an emetic. When his mother reached him he fell prostrate on the ground, and ARRIVAL IN PETERSBURG OF REV MR. BUNTING AND FAMILY. remarked that the person who held this insurance policy, calling him by his name, had given him a drink which had The Calm Before the Storm-Prospeet of Many Candilates for the name, had given him a drink which had done the work for him. The justice holding the inquest sent to this place to-day to ascertain if any poison had been purchased here. Upon investigation, it was learned that on Saturday last Davis purchased fifteen grains of strychnine at C. P. Kearfoot's drugstore, for the purpose of killing moles, as he said. This, connected with the fact that he lived with the agree that eave him the lives Municipal Offices-Some Still Dissatisfied-Personals and Briefs. PETERSBURG, VA., February 27 .-(Special.)-Rev. O. S. Bunting, the new

with the person that gave him the indust, and that that person held his life-insu-rance policy for \$2,000, and the dying boy's declaration, was sufficient to cause the arrest of the man, Henry City is nearly twenty miles from here, but the people at this place are greatly in-censed over this affair. understood that to-morrow night there will be special services at St. Paul's, Both Said to Be Over a Hundred In which all of the Episcopal clergy of the city will participate, and at which Mr. Bunting will be present, and cial.)-On the north side of this (Scott) that after these services the new rec tor will be cordially greeted and welcounty, near Stony creek, live two most comed by the congregation. As previsingular characters. They are Enoch and David Young. According to their mother's old Bible, which is in their possession, Enoch is 166 years old some time this month, and David is eight years younger.

They own about 1,000 acres of very good land, on which they have many tenants. They have lived bachelors for ninety years at the place where they now re-side. Enoch has always woven the goods from which their clothing was made, done of the peace. While it is understood that there will be a number of candidates in the field for these several offices, as well as for the twelve memberships of the Common Council, it is yet noticeable that all prospective candidates. s done the cooking. Their house is a little log-cabin, without a window, and with one door not over five feet high. They have never had a knife or fork, or anything in the line of table-ware in their house, believing that it is wrong to didates are keeping remarkably of and consequently but little talk a the election is heard on the streets. dulge in any luxuries. It is said that the election is hearn on the streets. It is believed, however, that in the primary to decide the nominees of the Democratic party there will be two or more candidates for every office to be hey have \$900 out on interest.

Enoch is now quite feeble, but David is active, and makes a hand about the farm work. When the writer visited them re-cently David was some distance from the Near the Youngs lives one of the tal men of the country. He is Noah Baldwin, and measures 6 feet 6 inches in height. He is about 59 years old, and has never NEARLY COMPLETED.

The handsome new two-story court-house, in Surry county, is nearly com-pleted, at a cost of between \$8,000 and pleted, at a cost of between so, and a 12,000. The building is as nearly fre-proof as possible. It is a great improve-ment on the old structure. The court-room, judge's room, and juror's rooms are on the second floor. On the first floor are effices for the several county officials, and a fire-proof vanit for the preservation of the county records

GENERAL AND PERSONAL. After the action of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday there has been but ittle talk to-day in reference to the ef-ect of Senator Mcliwaine's bill au-Sunday night the storehouse occupied by Mrs. E. B. Wright, of this place, was pany to discontinue the use and mainte-nance of its present stations and tracks in this city, provided that the new pas-senger and freight stations shall be with-in or near the limits of the city. It is fired in two places on the inside. The fire was discovered about 11 o'clock, and ment in time to save most of the bunding, but the stock of goods was lost.
Tuesday hight about 9 o'clock Mr.
George W. Wright, the postmaster, discovered fire in the stable of Mr. G. E.
Goodell, private secretary to Congressman Walker. Mr. Wright stepped over
to the stable and put the fire out, and
as his boys went from the scene up to
the post-office, one of them remarked
that the incendiary ought to be hanged.
A few moments afterwards the barn of understood that the new passenger depot will be just beyond the western limits of the city, but that the freight station will be on Washington street, near to the pers. Still there are many people who do not relish the blea of having to travel so far to reach the passenger trains. Mr. William W. Arnold and two daugh-

ters, of New York, are visiting friends in this city, and are guests in the family of Hon. John B. Evans Mr. Arnold is an old and well-known Petersburger, and w moments afterwards the barn of Wright was set on fire and conthis is his first visit here in about thirty Last night about 7:20 o'clock kerosene oil was thrown against the dwelling of Mr. Wright on the back side and ignited. The fire was discovered in time to prevent

Mr. Roger Atkinson, of Richmond, was in the city to-day.

Judge Waddill, of Richmond, trustee of
the estate of the late General Mahone,
was in the city last evening.

A supposed mad-dog was killed on Hali-

tyer of excitement, and the Town Coun-l have taken steps to guard the town om further danger by the employment fax street last night. Before being shot the dog had killed a litter of seven or eight pupples belonging to Mr. Robert f watchmen. Definite suspicion has cen-Joseph Haley, the negro who was yes-

Joseph Haley, the negro who was yesterday convicted of the murder of Joe Fail in Portsmouth, and sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary, was arrested by Officers Crichton and Ragland, of the Petersburg police.

The funeral of Mrs. C. W. Curtice, whose death occurred yesterlay cial.)-By the fall and explosion of a Mrs. S. F. Missick, together with its

emetery.
Hon, William R. McKenney, congress-

man from this district, who has been sick at his home in this city for several days, is rapidly recovering, and it is hoped will very soon be able to return to his seat in Congress.

THE STEAMSHIP PARIS. Will Be Overhauled and Repaired at Newport News.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 27 .-(Special.)-Superintendent S. N. Smith, of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, received a telegram this afternoon from the International Navigation Company, stating that the steam-ship Paris would leave New York for this city to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Sne will reach here early Saturday morning, and will be at once placed in the dry-dock for Special.)-Last night at 7 o'clock, in Mcan overhauling. It is understood that the repairs will be extensive. Her maabout Brooks's hogs trespassing on the chinery is said to be out of order. The Paris has been overhauled here once be-fore. Her sister ship, the New York, has been repaired here three times. farm of Fry's. While they were talking

CASE OF THE HORSA

Argument as to What Constitutes a "Milliary Expedition."

farm of Fry's, While they were talking over the matter Fry acknowledged having killed one of the hogs, whereupon Brooks pulled out a butcher-knife and cut Fry on the side of the neck and throat, making a wound about three inches long. Fry was also cut on the arm. Fry then shot at Brooks, and the latter turned and ran down the street, Fry still shooting at him. One ball took effect in the calf of the leg. Dr. J. W. Scott was called in and took five stitches PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 27 .-When the trial of J. H. Wiborg, Jans P. effect in the calf of the leg. Dr. J. W. Scott was called in, and took five stitches in Fry's neck and throat and three in his arm, after which he extracted the ball from Brooks's leg. Brooks was locked up in jall. Fry was sent home under \$200 Peterson, and H. Johansen, late captain, first mate, and second mate, respectively, of the steamer Horsa, who are charged with engaging in a Cuban fillbuster-ing expedition, was resumed in the United States District Court to-day, Assistant-District-Attorney Raiston con-tinued his address to the jury. Mr. Rai-ston contended that the thirty-nine men chal.—Mr. B. H. Owen, who came to his death in Roanoke yesterday, was from this place, instead of Keysville, as re-ported in the Dispatch of to-day. His remains reached here this morning, acwho boarded the steamer at sea Barnegat, N. J., constituted a military expedition in the sense of the statute. He asked the jurors not to be influenced by pleas of counsel for defendants for sympathy for the insurgents, but Judge companied by his brother, Mr. Mitchell Owen, conductor on the Lynchburg and Durham road, and Mr. Herman Owen, Butler interrupted him, and stated that such pleas would be irrelevant to the and would not be permitted.
Raiston spoke briefly, and closed
the claim that the defendants place this evening from the Disciples church, the funeral services being con-ducted by Rev. F. W. Berry, pastor of with were guilty of having violated the stathat church. Mr. Owen was a very promising young man. He was secre-tary of the Order of Railroad Telegra-phers, with headquarters at Roanoke.

Captain Ker, senior counsel for defendants, then began an argument be-fore the court on the thirteen points presented by him yesterday, and upon which he asked the Judge to pass in charging the jury. Captain Ker based his arguments main-EMPORIA, VA., February 27.—(Special.)
The people of Emporia had a rare musical treat last evening, the occasion being a concert given for the benefit of the Episcopal church, at this place, by some of the best musical talent of Richmond-viz., Professor Stein, Mr. John Reinhardt, and Mr. Samuel Crowder, Misses Helen and Estelle Florsheim, and two little sons of Mr. Chris. Evensen, All of the para-

ly upon the construction of the sta-tute as regards a "military expedi-tion." He deciared that to constitute a military expedition there must be an organization of infantry, cavairy, or ar-tillery—and that any other combination does not form such an expedition. He quoted authorities in support of this ar-

gument.
When Captain Ker had concluded Judge
Butler aunounced that his (the Judge's)
interpretation of the statute, which he interpretation of the statute, which he expressed yesterday, had not undergone any change. This interpretation of a "military expedition" is in conflict with the views of Captain Ker, and his Honor amplified his remarks of yesterdry by stating that he was convinced that, by the terms of the statute. Congress meant to prohibit the fitting out of any such expedition. The Judge further said that to product the judge further said that he would undertake in his charge to define the terms of the act of Congress in question, and that he would expect the jury to accept the Court's in-

A brief argument followed between the respective counsel and the Court over the jurisdiction of the United States In this case, it having been proved that

the men and arms were taken aboard the Horsa at sea, and possibly beyond the three-mile limit. This question was not decided.

Captain Ker then began his address to the jury on behalf of the defendants. SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY.

Captain Ker, after briefly reviewing the case, referred to the action of Spain in recognizing the Southern Confederacy, but District-Attorney Ingham interposed an objection, on the ground of irrelevancy, and Judge Butler sustained the objection.

A mild controversy followed between the Judge and the defendants' senior counsel on this point, but nothing mate-rial developed. Captain Ker declared with some empha-

rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, late of Trenton, N. J., arrivel in the city on the late train from the North last night with his family. They were taken to the residence of Mr. W. T. Plummer, where they will remain as guests until the handsome rectory adjoining the church is occupied. It is "ready to be taken" for what they had done, and he pleaded for the acquittal of the defendants, who simply "did what they were told to do." In conclusion the speaker made the de-

> jurers to not make martyrs of the ac-The District Attorney again Interrupt

comed by the congregation. As previously stated in this correspondence, the rectory has been enlarged, improved, and thoroughly repaired and refitted for the occupancy of the new pastor.

QUIET BEFORE THE STORM.

In May next the several municipal officers of this city for the ensuing two years are to be elected by the people—from the Mayor down to the justices of the peace. While it is understood that there will be a number of canton to the property of the peace of the peace. tion. Upon the conclusion of his charge the jury, at 235 o'clock, retired.

JUDGE'S CHARGE. Judge Butler said that there were two points for the jury to consider. First, was the expedition organized here; and second, did the defendants render it assistance with knowledge of the Then, referring to what constitutes a "military expedition," within the meaning of the statute, Judge Butler held that any combination of men organized here to go to Cuba to make war, and provided with arms, constitutes such an enter-prise. It is not necessary, the Judge con-tinued, for the men to have been drilled or put in uniform, or to have been organ-ized according to rules governing cava-

with some other body.

Judge Butler was of the opinion, however, that where men go in a hody to enlist as individuals in a foreign army.

pendent organization or in connection

ry, artillery, or infantry. It is not i

take arms as merchandise.

The Judge then ruled upon the thirteen points presented by counsel for the deferdants, probably the most important ruling being an affirmation of the contention that if the aid furnished by the tention that if the aid furnished by the defendants was given beyond the juris-diction of the United States (beyond the three-mile limit at sea), a verdict of acquittal must be rendered. If the de-fendants started from Philadelphia, ignorant of what they were going to under take (and provided the alleged offence was committed on the high seas), they cannot be convicted. If they had know-ledge of the expedition, they were guity Judge Butler significantly said that it would seem to the Court to be free from reasonable doubt that the Horsa's passengers constituted a "military expedition." This assertion was qualified, however, by a declaration that the responsi-The judge questioned the probability of The judge questioned the probability of the defendants' risking themselves and the steamer by transporting an expedi-tion, if all arrangements had not been made before the Horas left Philadelpina, In conclusion, the Court directed that to convict the accused, the jury must consider the evidence against them as being entirely clear, and instructed them not to be influenced by sympathy or prejudice. "We have nothing to do with the insurrection," Judge Butler said, "and all

you have to determine is whether the statute has been violated."

The jury had not reached a verdict, when at 4 o'clock the court adjourned until to-morrow. Prior to adjournment the jury came in and asked the Court whether all three of the accused men could be considered as officers of the Horsa, The Judge answered in the affir-mative.

PEARL BRYAN MURDER CASE.

Wood Released on Bond-Extradition of Jackson and Walling. CINCINNATI, O., February 27 .- This

orning ex-Legislator James Graft, of

The matter will be heard at a time of which the public will not be advised in adadvance, and an effort will be made to exclude all people, except newspaper-men,
from the hearing. There is no fear of
violence on the part of the spectators. but the court officers desire to avoid the disagreeable crush and jam which would

open court.

The arrangement is to take Jackson and Walling through the tunnel from the jail to the court-room, which will be locked and guarded by the watchman. The prisoners will then be disposed of

In the Police Court this morning the preliminary hearing in the cases of Jack-son and Walling was continued to Febru-

CASE AGAINST JOHN D. HART.

Fitting Out of the Laurada-Condemnation of Stranahan's Cargo.

NEW YORK, February 27 .- The hearing before Commissioner Shields in the case of John D. Hart, accused of having been concerned in the fitting out of the steamship Laurada, which this port last October with men and arms for Cuba, has, by agreement of counsel, been adjourned to March 6th. The government officials claim to have a strong case against Hart.
District United States Attorney McParlane has brought an action for the condemnation and selzure of the property

condemnation and seizure of the property found on the lighter J. S. T. Strana-han. The action was begun in the United States District Court to-day. The property consists of 369 packages and boxes of dynamite, gunpowder, car-tridges, etc., and is supposed to have been for shipment to the Cuban revolu-

Process has been issued, and it is in shal. the seized explosives and arms must prosent their claim, or the property will be condemned and sold.

IN NORTHERN CUBA.

No Sign of War There-No Spanish Gunboats About.

BALTIMORE, MD., February 27 .- The Monumental Fruit Company's steamer Brixham, Captain Durie, arrived to-day from Gibara, Cuba. She left the Cuban port last Friday. Gibara is at the northeast end of the island, and Captain Durie says that from outward appearances there no one would have known there was a war going on in the island. The people were pursuing peaceful avocations, and did not seem to manifest much in-terest in the revolution. He saw no Spanish gunboats anywhere about the island, and said a fillbustering expedition could land at Gibara without the least trouble or interference.

THE LIFE OF CESAR, This the Theme of Professor Mitchell's

Lecture at the College. FOREMOST MAN OF THE WORLD.

The Inlented Instructor in Latin Speaks of the Character of the "First Emperor"-lits Personality and His Public Career,

Professor S. C. Mitchell, who fills the Chair of Latin at Richmond College last night delivered a most scholarly and interesting lecture at that institution . the "Life and Times of Julius Caesa, It had been announced that Profes-Mitchell would lecture on "The Fore Man of All the World," but just was character in history would be so by the learned gentleman as occin his opinion, this exalted position claration that Cuba would be free on the 4th of July next, and he appealed to the formed the large audience when formed the large audlence when he stepped before them.

"Some critics," said he, "have thought that the title of Shakespeare's that Julius Caesar, is a misnomer, Brutus as truly the hero of this triggely a Achilles is of Homer's martial epic, so. Caesar appears only as a grand, stru-Agamemnon, Those personality is in 'lofty airs and mock thunder' of him that the play really set CAESAR'S CHARACTER

"Hence the question has arisen the poet understood the real of



PROFESSOR & C. MITCHELL the popular conception of the first Emthe man who hewed out of barbarism the man who hewed out of barbaram in the mighty province of Gaul, the man who first carried the Roman arms and law to Britain and across the Rhine, who instituted numerous measures, such as the calendar, which endures practically unchanged until to-day, the man who as an orator was second only to Cleero, as a writer of military history is without a peer, as a warrior that can be mentioned only with Alexander and Napoleon, as a statesman the greatest whom that only with Alexander and Napoleon, as a statesman the greatest whom that nation of instinctive rulers produced is its history, stretching over a thousand years, and as a practical thinker, are passing, perhaps, any genius that the world has yet seen. To most people Caesat stands under the shadow of a great train. A closer study of Shakespeare discloses the fact that the poet regarded Cacast as the greatest practical genius in his

TOWERS ABOVE ALL

It is of interest to note how the judgwilling to accept the current social and political scandal of his times as serious mistory, this view satisfied us. His more recently Mommsen, Froude, and Merivak make us see that in massiness of character. Caesar towers far above any of those who have gained reputation by their misrepresentations of

He is the central figure in his age, as

morning ex-Legislator James Graft, of Harrison. O., and David Davis, one of the attorneys for Will Wood, one of the men concerned in the Pearl Bryan murder, qualified in the Poltee Court on the bond of Wood in the sum of \$3,000. Wood was released.

It has been decided to take no steps to-day in the extradition proceedings for Jackson and Walling. This determination grows out of an abundance of caution. The matter will be heard at a time of which the public will not be advised in advance, and an effort will be made to extradition of the Eternal City. It is seen, therefore that the widening of the electoral framework. that the widening of the electoral chise so as to include all the inhabi of the empire throughout the isne the Mediterranean Sea was forcord to us, but Caesar was the first mind it closely grasped the idea. While it wast fully realized until the decree Caracalia, about 25 A. D. Caesar put motion the beneficent forces that we to bring it about. Thus Roman hist might be represented by a set of concentric circles, ever enialing both as to conquest and as to gaining of equal rights by the peof But while in theory the rights of crenship had been thus extended gradily to all the Italian peninsula so of the Rubleon, in fact the reins government were selfently and corrept in the hands of an aristocratic oligance. When Cassar became of age he sided with the people. His aunt was Marlus's wife. He himself married the gifted daughter of Marius's successor. He lived ictly with his noble mother, Aurelia, in

CAESAR'S PERSONALITY.

In person, he is described as tall at I slight. His features were refined; his eyes dark gray, like an eagle; his nock thick and sinewy. In the forum he gained early some reputation as a speak-er and as a somewhat amateur poli-tician. He was known chiefly at this time as a brilliant member of the most fashionable society, and a peculiar fa-vorite with women. He was acidic and practor in turn. As cousul, he in-troduced measures favoring the people. His aristocratic colleague, being dis-gruntled, shut himself up for most of the year at home, and would have nothing more to do with so strong-headed a consul as Caesar. Caesar moved with-out him. Caesar became a soldier by accident, At this point the speaker sketched briefly

At this point the speaker sketched briefly the fourteen years of ardinous war into which Caesar was unexpectedly pionged. Then Caesar's character was analyzed as man, orator, writer, politician, and warrior. In conclusion, the speaker pressed home the truth of Van Holst's remark, that "from its first to its last page the lesson of history is that the sins of the fathers are cistled upon their children." Hence, by grasping the sweep of this movitable law, he can avoid the things that make against the soundness of political morals and private virtue. History thus instructs the present, and thereby shapes the future.